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TO: Hunters, Anglers, Trappers, Landowners, Farm Groups and Others Interested in Making Recommendations for Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Regulations.

Meetings to solicit your comments concerning the 2012-2013 deer, turkey, bear, and boar hunting regulations as well as 2013-2014 hunting and trapping regulations and the 2013 fishing season are scheduled for March 12 and 13, 2012.

The Division of Natural Resources is recommending most season dates, bag limits and creel limits similar to the 2011-2012 seasons (see recommended changes attached).

In order for us to obtain your recommendations and accurately record them, it is necessary for you to complete and return the attached form prior to April 6, 2012 to the Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, West Virginia, 26241, Attn: Mr. Steve Wilson.

Your continued interest in the state's natural resources programs is appreciated.


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Please feel free to comment or provide recommendations on hunting and fishing regulations or on any phase of our wildlife and law enforcement programs. Please use space provided on the following page. **Returning the attached tables is not necessary.**

Please complete the following section. Be sure only one form is submitted per individual or organization. Unsigned questionnaires will not be counted.

PLEASE PRINT

Individual, Group, or
Organization Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Number of Members _____ Telephone _____

Signed _____ Date _____ County _____

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONNAIRE
BY APRIL 6, 2012**

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Attn: Steve Wilson

HUNTING REGULATIONS COMMENTS:

FISHING REGULATIONS COMMENTS:

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2012-2013 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2012 black bear season be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the annual bag limit for the special urban deer archery season be increased from two to seven deer which may include no more than two antlered bucks and the first deer must be antlerless.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2012 antlerless deer season be open as shown on the attached tables.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other big game hunting regulations for the 2012-2013 hunting season be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2013-2014 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that up to two deer may be taken per day; however, only one antlered deer may be taken in a day.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other hunting and trapping regulations for the 2013-2014 seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2013 FISHING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes a 40-inch minimum size limit and a 1 fish per day bag limit for muskellunge on a 1.3-mile section of the North Fork of the Hughes River extending from North Bend Lake Dam downstream to the County Rt. 809 bridge near the North Bend State Park River Run Campground.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes a catch-and-release regulation for black bass on Edwards Run Pond, Hampshire County.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes a statewide 30-inch minimum size limit for tiger musky and northern pike.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

4. All other fishing regulations for 2013 would be same as those in 2012.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

Proposed 2012 Black Bear Seasons Statewide bag limit two, provided at least one bear comes from Boone, Fayette, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, McDowell, Mingo, Raleigh or Wyoming counties Bow Season - Statewide: October 13 – November 17 Gun Seasons: Refer to Table Below					
6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 24– Sept. 29 12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 19 – Dec. 1 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 3 – Dec. 31	6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 24 – Sept. 29 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 3 – Dec. 31	3-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 24 – Sept. 26 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 3 – Dec. 31	6-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 19 – Dec. 31	4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 3 – Dec. 31	4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 3 – Dec. 31
Boone Fayette Kanawha Preston Raleigh	Grant Hardy Logan McDowell Mingo Pendleton Wyoming	Barbour (E. of Rt. 92) Braxton (E. of I-79) Clay (S. of Elk River) Greenbrier Nicholas Pocahontas Randolph Tucker Webster	Hampshire* Monongalia Morgan * Special dog only hunt on Nathaniel and Short Mtn. WMAs Dec. 3- Dec. 29	Mineral (W. of New Creek) Upshur (E. of Rt. 20) Monroe (E. of Rt. 219)	Barbour (W. of Rt. 92) Berkeley Braxton (W. of I-79) Brooke Cabell Calhoun Clay (N. of Elk River) Doddridge Gilmer Hancock Harrison Jackson Jefferson Lewis Lincoln Marion Marshall Mason Mercer Mineral (E. of New Creek) Monroe (W. of Rt. 219) Ohio Pleasants Putnam Ritchie Roane Summers Taylor Tyler Upshur (W. of Rt. 20) Wayne Wetzel Wirt Wood

PROPOSED 2012 ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON HUNTING REGULATIONS

Counties or Parts Thereof Closed to Antlerless (Class N/NN) Hunting	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Limited Licenses for Resident and Non- resident (Must Apply)	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN (*see special regulation requirement below)
	(Season Bag Limit: 1)	(Season Bag Limit: 1)	(Season Bag Limit: 3)	(Season Bag Limit: 3)
	*Oct. 25-27; Nov. 19 - Dec.1; Dec. 13-15; Dec. 28-31	*Oct. 25-27; Nov. 19 - Dec.1; Dec. 13-15; Dec. 28-31	*Oct. 25-27; Nov. 19 - Dec.1; Dec. 13-15; Dec. 28-31	*Oct. 25-27; Nov. 19 - Dec.1; Dec. 13-15; Dec. 28-31
Boone Clay (south portion - S. of Elk River) Fayette (west portion - Rt. 19 to New River to Gauley River) Greenbrier (north portion- N. of Rt. 60, N. of I- 64, N. & W. of Rt. 9, W. of Rt. 219 at Renick, N. of Rt. 11, E. of Greenbrier R., N. of I-64, E of Rt. 60/14) Kanawha (south portion - S. of Elk River and E. of Corridor G) Lincoln (south portion - Rt. 11 to Rt. 10, at Branchland, to Rt. 48, at Midkiff, to Rt. 7, to Rt. 46, at Sias, to Rt. 62, at Spurlockville, to Rt. 3 to CL) Mercer Nicholas (west portion - W. of Rt. 19) Pendleton (west portion - Straight Fork to N. Fork of the S. Branch of the Potomac River) Pocahontas (National Forest) Raleigh Randolph (National Forest) Wayne (south portion - Rt. 21 to Rt. 25 to Rt. 37, at East Lynn, to Rt. 30 to Rt. 152 to Rt. 36 at Radnor to CL)	Clay (north portion - N. of Elk River) Fayette (east portion - Rt. 19 to New River to Gauley River) Nicholas (east portion - E. of Rt. 19) Pocahontas (Private Land) Tucker (National Forest) Webster	Barbour Braxton Cabell Gilmer Grant Greenbrier (south portion - S. of Rt. 60, S of I-64, S & E of Rt. 9, E of Rt. 219 at Renick, S of Rt. 11, W of Greenbrier R., S of I-64, W of Rt. 60/14) Kanawha (north portion- N. of Elk River and W. of Corridor G) Lincoln (north portion - Rt. 11 to Rt. 10, at Branchland, to Rt. 48, at Midkiff, to Rt. 7, to Rt. 46, at Sias, to Rt. 62, at Spurlockville, to Rt. 3 to CL) Mineral (west portion - Rt. 220S to Rt. 50W to Rt. 93S) Monroe Randolph (Private Land) Roane Summers Tucker (Private Land) Wayne (north portion - Rt. 21 to Rt. 25 to Rt. 37, at East Lynn, to Rt. 30 to Rt. 152 to Rt. 36 at Radnor to CL)	Berkeley Calhoun Doddridge Harrison Jackson Jefferson Lewis Marion Mason Morgan Pendleton (east portion - Straight Fork to N. Fork of the S. Branch of the Potomac River) Pleasants Preston Putnam Ritchie Taylor Upshur Wetzel Wirt	Brooke Hampshire Hancock Hardy Marshall Mineral (east portion - Rt. 220S to Rt. 50W to Rt. 93S) Monongalia Ohio Tyler Wood **In these counties, archery hunters are required to take an antlerless deer during the archery season prior to harvesting a second antlered deer. In addition, buck firearms season hunters are required to take an antlerless deer during the antlerless deer gun season prior to harvesting a second antlered deer.

*October 25-27 segment of antlerless deer season is open on private lands only

Note: Counties not listed in the table are closed to firearms antlerless hunting.

PROPOSED 2012 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR WMAS

Season Dates: Nov. 19 - Dec. 1; Dec. 13-15; and Dec. 28-31

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO LIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 1

Elk River (Braxton Co.) - 200	Calvin Price SF (Pocahontas Co.) - 100	Upper Mud River WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 50
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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT (CLASS N) AND NONRESIDENT (CLASS NN) ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 1

Bear Rocks WMA (Ohio Co.)	Lewis Wetzel WMA (Wetzel/Tyler Cos.)	Beury Mountain WMA (Fayette Co.)	Hughes River WMA (Ritchie Co.)
Castlemans Run WMA (Brooke/Ohio Co.)	Little Indian Creek WMA (Monongalia Co.)	Bluestone Lake WMA (Summers/Mercer/ Monroe Cos.)	Ritchie Mines WMA (Ritchie/Wirt Cos.)
Cecil H. Underwood WMA (Marshall/Wetzel Cos.)	Pedlar WMA (Monongalia Co.)	Meadow River WMA (Greenbrier Co.)	Sand Hill WMA (Ritchie/Wood Cos.)
Center Branch WMA (Harrison Co.)	Pleasant Creek WMA (Barbour/Taylor Cos.)	Chief Cornstalk WMA (Mason Co.)	Stumptown WMA (Calhoun/Gilmer Cos.)
Cross Creek WMA (Brooke Co.)	Pruntytown State Farm WMA (Taylor Co.)	Green Bottom WMA Cabell/Mason Cos.)	The Jug WMA (Tyler Co.)
Dents Run WMA (Marion Co.)	Snake Hill WMA (Monongalia/Preston Cos.)	McClintic WMA (Mason Co.)	Woodrum Lake WMA (Jackson Co.)
Dunkard Fork WMA (Marshall Co.)	Stonecoal Lake WMA (Lewis/Upshur Co.)	Conaway Run WMA (Tyler Co.)	
Hillcrest WMA (Hancock Co.)	Stonewall Jackson Lake WMA (Lewis Co.)	Frozen Camp WMA (Jackson Co.)	

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT (CLASS N) AND NONRESIDENT (CLASS NN) ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 2

Coopers Rock SF (Monongalia/Preston Cos.)
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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS CLOSED TO ANTLERLESS SEASON

Becky Creek WMA (Randolph Co.)	Kumbrabow SF (Randolph Co.)	Potts Creek WMA (Monroe Co.)
Handley WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Seneca SF (Pocahontas)	
Huttonsville State Farm WMA (Randolph Co.)	Wallback WMA (Clay/Kanawha/Roane Cos.)	

All other WMAs and public lands will have the same regulations as private land in the respective county where the WMAs or other public lands are located.

Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Changes
Bear (Archery)	Oct. 13, 2012 - Nov. 17, 2012	
Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties}	Sept. 24, 2012 - Sept. 26, 2012	See Bear Table
{Selected Counties}	Sept. 24, 2012 - Sept. 29, 2012	
{Selected Counties}	Dec. 03, 2012 - Dec. 31, 2012	
{Selected Counties}	Nov. 19, 2012 - Dec. 01, 2012	
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 27, 2012 – Nov. 3, 2012	
Boar (Archery)	Oct. 13, 2012 - Dec. 31, 2012	
Deer (Archery – Special Urban)	Sept. 8, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2012	Opens 2 nd Saturday of September - all eligible urban areas and approved homeowner associations
Deer (Archery)	Oct. 1, 2012 - Dec. 31, 2012	Season moved to Monday closest to October 1
Deer (Early Archery-Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	N/A	Season Eliminated
Deer (Bucks Only)	Nov. 19, 2012 - Dec. 01, 2012	
Deer (Antlerless) Hampshire Co. Only	N/A	Season incorporated into 3 days of regular antlerless deer season
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Oct. 25, 2012 - Oct. 27, 2012 Nov. 19, 2012 - Dec. 01, 2012 Dec. 13, 2012 - Dec. 15, 2012 Dec. 28, 2012 - Dec. 31, 2012	(See Attached Deer Tables for Selected Counties) Changes – 3 days added in October and 3 fewer days in December (3 day Dec. split will be one week later)
Deer (Youth/Q/XS Season - Antlerless)	Oct. 20, 2012 - Oct. 20, 2012 Dec. 26, 2012 - Dec. 27, 2012	Includes Class XS license holders in 2012. Also, 51 counties with firearms deer seasons, and public lands within those counties will be open
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec. 3, 2012 - Dec. 8, 2012	Muzzleloader season will be 1 week earlier
Deer (Early Muzzleloader-Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Sept. 27, 2012 - Sept. 29, 2012	Season reduced from 6 to 3 days
Turkey (Fall) - (4 week counties)	Oct. 29, 2012 – Nov. 17, 2012 Dec. 17, 2012 – Dec. 22, 2012	Split Season; opening day moved to Monday
Turkey (Fall) - (2 week counties)	Oct. 29, 2012 – Nov. 10, 2012	Fall counties determined after 2012 spring gobbler season; opening day moved to Monday
Turkey (Fall) - (1 week counties)	Oct. 29, 2012 – Nov. 3, 2012	Fall counties determined after 2012 spring gobbler season; opening day moved to Monday
Turkey (Spring Youth)	April 20, 2013	
Turkey (Spring 2013)	April 22, 2013 – May 18, 2013	

West Virginia Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2013-2014 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Changes
Squirrel	Sept. 14, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014	
Squirrel (Youth)	Sept. 07, 2013	Season reinstated (Small Game Youth Season eliminated)
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 12, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 12, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Quail	Nov. 02, 2013 - Jan. 04, 2014	
Rabbit	Nov. 02, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Snowshoe Hare	Nov. 02, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Ring-necked Pheasant (Statewide) (Hillcrest WMA)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Jan. 04, 2014 Nov. 09, 2013 - Dec. 07, 2013	
Fox (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	(pending 2012 legislative approval)
Fox (Hunting at night with approved artificial light)	Jan. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Mar. 31, 2014	
Otter (Trapping)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 01, 2013 - Nov. 23, 2013 Jan. 01, 2014 - Mar. 01, 2014	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/Woodchuck/ English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season	
Coyote (Hunting at night with approved artificial light)	Jan. 1, 2014 - July 31, 2014	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Nov. 02, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014	
Mountain Lion, Elk, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season	